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SHOEMAKER URGES COMPTROLLER
TO QUIT PLAYING POLITICS

Hampstead, MD: Delegate Haven Shoemaker (R-Carroll) has sent a letter to Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot urging him to quit playing partisan politics over the sovereign state of Alabama's recent actions on abortion. Shoemaker added, "The Comptroller should stop emulating Brian Frosh, and should concentrate on doing the job he has elected to do – which includes investing the State's pension fund where they can gain the greatest return"

For more information, call Delegate Haven Shoemaker at 443-326-7267.

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May 17, 2019

Honorable Peter Franchot
Comptroller of Maryland
80 Calvert Street, P.O. Box 466
Annapolis, Maryland 21404-0466

Re: Alabama

Dear Mr. Franchot:

I have been reading with interest and dismay your response to the recent actions of the State of Alabama regarding its recently enacted legislation regarding abortion. As a former legislator, I am sure you can appreciate the fact that the aforesaid legislation is within the province of that state, and said legislation has been signed into law by the Governor of Alabama.

I am dismayed that you have decided to opine on a matter that rests solely within the province of Alabama's elected officials. I recognize that elected officials, here and elsewhere, are want to grandstand. You may recall that I have taken Attorney General Brian Frosh to task for doing this same sort of thing regarding his penchant for wasting tax dollars on filing frivolous lawsuits against President Trump.

I am disappointed that you are endeavoring to take a page from this same playbook, ostensibly for partisan political purposes. I find it interesting, but not surprising, that you did not call for divestment from New York after its duly elected officials enacted a partial-birth abortion law earlier this year.

Alabama's Governor and legislature have exercised the authority given to them by the people of their state. I would ask that you, as you have done throughout your tenure as Comptroller of Maryland, execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected without attempting to meddle in the affairs of the sovereign State of Alabama. In essence, what you should concentrate on is investing Maryland's pension funds where it can earn the greatest return.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Haven N. Shoemaker, Jr.".

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